

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2010  
MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jeff Hedberg called the meeting to order at 7:54 pm once a quorum was present.

**II. ROLL CALL**

<u>Board:</u>	Bill DeBlasio (8:03pm), Eileen Francolino, Jeff Hedberg (7:54pm), Ed Marchion, Mary Udice, Don Woods and Kathy Zolad
<u>Board Members Absent:</u>	Jonathan Boni, Ken Leggo, Bob Tofeldt, John Kennedy
<u>Staff:</u>	Superintendent Bruce Till and Jodi Lee, Special Events Coordinator
<u>Town Council Liaison:</u>	None Present

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2010**

**MOTION: Don Woods made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2010. Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2010 was unanimously approved with a 6-0 vote.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Rose Lyons of 46 Elton Drive was in attendance. The recent article in the Newington Life prompted her to come. She commented on her disappointment in the condition of Green Meadow Pathway near her home and two other areas in town. She is asking for this area to be maintained. She is disappointed where money has been allocated in the town specifically on the artificial turf. Ms. Lyons had two questions for the board after reviewing past minutes of the Board meetings:

- Is John Kennedy still a member of the Board?
- Who are our Town Council Liaisons?

Don Woods answered her questions:

- Yes, John Kennedy is still a member of the Board
- The Democratic liaison is Scott McBride and the Republican liaison is Dave Nagel

**V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The June and July monthly reports were included in packets emailed to all Board Members. Bruce Till also handed out an additional letter to the group from a Mom of a camper in the Summer Camp program who was very pleased with the program and the staff.

Bruce Till commented on the tremendous summer camp and aquatic programs this summer, he was concerned due to the large turnover this year with summer staff. Bruce attributed this wonderful staff to a great deal of training and preparing for the summer months. He congratulated the Parks & Recreation Staff on their great work.

Bruce spoke to the group about the duckweed problem at Mill Pond Park which is the same we had last year at Churchill Park. Bruce had the problem fixed last year at Churchill. Mill Pond has never been like this before. Many factors have led to this problem, water level, heat and gate valve. This duckweed problem at Mill Pond will be fixed. Eileen Francolino asked what the chemical treatment does to the aquatic life in the pond. Chemical treatments will affect what is in the pond. Treatment will be timed so as not to be around the time we stock the pond.

Bruce Till also commented on the Parks & Grounds crew this summer on how they have been doing a great job. The crew has all the school grounds and athletic fields prepared for the new school year.

The Fall Brochure has been distributed and mailed as an insert in *Newington Life* to all Newington residents and fall program sign ups are on-going.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **TURF FIELD**

Malone & McBroom have been hired to continue work on the turf field. Bruce is working with them on their time schedule as well as midget football on their field schedule and needs. Jeff Hedberg asked about timing. Bruce will forward along the time-table from Malone & McBroom.

### **SPORTS YOUTH COUNCIL**

Kathy Zolad will be heading up the Sports Youth Council. She will be meeting with Karen Gallicchio soon.

### **CEMETERY**

Eileen Francolino asked why the Cemetery opening has been pushed back so long. Bruce explained due to vacations and getting the committee together. Bruce Till asked about the Blue Stone cap problem and asked if they would be replaced. The Cemetery Improvement Committee decided to accept the stone and add some benches.

### **EXTRAVAGANZA**

The final budget was distributed to the committee. The Extravaganza made a profit of approximately \$2,000. Some areas of improvement for next year: the food vendor contract and the Friday Night Concert. There was some discussion to bring back some old traditions since it will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Some thoughts were the grease pole, bingo and Little Miss Newington.

The group also agreed to have the carnival return again next year. Three proposals from the carnival are on the table; 1 year, 5 year and a 10 year. Jodi Lee will go back to Northeast Midways and report back to the group.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Jodi Lee announced the Red Sox Bus Trip coming up on Monday, August 23. There is still space available if anyone wants to attend. The cost is \$90 per person.

Jodi Lee announced the Summer Concert Series was a success thanks to Data-Mail and the Mandell Family Foundation. They donated \$5,000 to cover the costs of the five summer concerts.

Bill DeBlasio asked about the football schedule as well as the field construction timetable and asked that the goal posts be looked at.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Bill DeBlasio made a motion to adjourn, Don Woods seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:19 PM with a 7-0 vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jodi Lee  
Parks & Recreation  
Special Events Coordinator